

Monday, September 14, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10269–S10330

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2463–2468. Page S10320

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2213, to allow all States to participate in activities under the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–327)

S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–328)

S. 1719, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co., with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–329)

S. 2106, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–330)

H.R. 3830, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah. (S. Rept. No. 105–331)

S. 2364, to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 105–332)

S. 2463, to provide authorities with respect to the transfer of excess defense articles and the transfer of naval vessels under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–333) Page S10320

Interior Appropriations, 1999: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2237, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, tak-

ing action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10283–S10304, S10309–13, S10315–18

Adopted:

Gorton (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3582, to strike provisions regarding use of highway trust funds. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton Amendment No. 3583, to require repayment of misused Federal funds by self-governance tribes. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton Amendment No. 3584, to adjust the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton Amendment No. 3585, to prohibit the use of funds for land acquisition at Texas Chenier Plain. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3586, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. Pages S10315–17

Gorton (for Mikulski/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 3587, relating to a land exchange in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Maryland. Pages S10315–17

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3588, regarding wildland fire management in Alaska. Pages S10315–17

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3589, providing for an exchange of land at Katmai National Park. Pages S10315–17

Gorton (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3590, to provide that the Bureau of Land Management may enter into watershed restoration and enhancement agreements with the same entities and for the same purposes as is provided in section 323 of the bill for Forest Service agreements. Pages S10315, S10317

Rejected:

Harkin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3580, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. (By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10285–S10304, S10309–13

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 3581, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. Page S10313

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. **Page S10329**

Truth in Employment Act: Senate considered the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1981, to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act.

Pages S10270–83, S10304–09

During consideration of this motion today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 266), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10309**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of United States participation in the United Nations for calendar year 1997; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–155). **Page S10319**

Transmitting the report on aeronautics and space for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–156).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. Routine list in the Navy. **Pages S10329–30**

Messages From the President: **Page S10319**

Messages From the House: **Page S10319**

Measures Referred: **Page S10319**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S10326–29**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267) **Pages S10309, S10313**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10329.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NURSING HOME EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain safeguard measures for identifying people who may pose a possible threat of abuse and neglect to residents of nursing homes and other long-term-care facilities, after receiving testimony from Thomas D. Roslewicz, Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Claudia Stine, Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care, Madison; Kim D. Schmett, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, Des Moines; Lee Bitler, Country Meadows Corporation, Hershey, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; Richard D. Reichard, National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; Melissa Putnam, Beverly Manor, Reading, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Service Employees International Union; and Richard A. Meyer, Libertyville, Illinois.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4558–4565; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 326 and H. Res. 534, were introduced. **Page H7690**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4309, to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture, amended (H. Rept. 105–709 part 1);

H.R. 3248, to provide dollars to the classroom, amended (H. Rept. 105–710);

H.R. 3898, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to conform penalties for violations involving certain amounts of methamphetamine to penalties for violations involving similar amounts of cocaine base, amended (H. Rept. 105-711 part 1);

H. Res. 535, providing for consideration of H.R. 4006, to clarify Federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide, or euthanasia, of any individual (H. Rept. 105-712); and

H.R. 4382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for mammography quality standards, amended (H. Rept. 105-713).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Jones to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act: S. 2206, amended, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 346 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 426)—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H7620-43, H7671

Next Generation Internet Research Act: H.R. 3332, amended, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress on its activities. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H7643-47

Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act: S. 2112, to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the United States Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H7647-48

Designating Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building: S. 2032, amended, to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building". Agreed to amend the title;

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Designating Aaron Henry U.S. Postal Office: H.R. 892, amended, to redesignate the Federal building located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the "Aaron Henry United States Post Office". Agreed to amend the title;

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Sense of Congress Regarding Slobodan Milosevic: H. Con. Res. 304, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the culpability of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 369 yeas with 1 voting "nay" and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 427). Subsequently, the House agreed to S. Con. Res. 105, a similar Senate-passed bill—clearing the measure for the President. H. Con. Res. 304 was then laid on the table;

Pages H7649-53, H7671-72, H7674

Calling on Cuba to Extradite to U.S. Convicted Felons: H. Con. Res. 254, amended, calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 371 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 428);

Pages H7653-55, H7672-73

Promoting Independent Radio Broadcasting in Africa: H. Res. 415, to promote independent radio broadcasting in Africa;

Pages H7655-57

Making USIA TV Program Available to Ukrainian Museum: H.R. 4083, amended, to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America";

Pages H7657-58

Urging International Cooperation in Recovering Abducted Children: H. Con. Res. 224, urging international cooperation in recovering children abducted in the United States and taken to other countries;

Pages H7658-60

50th Anniversary of Signing of Declaration of Human Rights: H. Con. Res. 185, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 370 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 429);

Pages H7660-61, H7673

Torture Victims Relief Act: H.R. 4309, amended, to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture; **Pages H7661–64**

Commission on Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act: H.R. 3007, amended, to establish the Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development; and **Pages H7664–69**

Conveyance of Federal Land in San Joaquin County, CA: H.R. 2508, amended, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, California, to the City of Tracy, California. **Pages H7669–70**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m. **Page H7670**

United States Capitol Publication: Considered by unanimous consent, the House agreed to S. Con. Res. 115, to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document. **Pages H7674–75**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

U.S. Government Activities in the United Nations: Message wherein he transmitted the report of the activities of the U.S. government in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies for 1997—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and **Page H7675**

U.S. Achievements in Aeronautics and Space: Message wherein he transmitted his report on the Nation's achievements in aeronautics and space during fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Science. **Page H7675**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7620.

Referral: S. 2094, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 to enable the Secretary of the Interior to more effectively use the proceeds of sales of certain items was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H7688**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7691.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7671, H7671–72, H7672–73, and H7673. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TURMOIL

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on International Economic Turmoil. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL SUNSET ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2939, Federal Sunset Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Brady of Texas; Edward DeSeve, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and Patricia Gray, Representative, State of Texas and Chair, Texas Sunset Commission.

LETHAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 4006, Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for a three hour time limit on the amendment process. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as read. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition to Members who pre-print their amendment in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes on amendments and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed votes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson, Frank of Massachusetts, Jackson-Lee of Texas, and Scott.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Bernard D. Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, for appointment to the grade of Admiral, and to be Commander-in-

Chief of United States Pacific Command, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, and Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 2390, to permit ships built in foreign countries to engage in coastwise in the transport of certain products, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on certain extradition and mutual legal assistance treaties, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine policy option for the United States with regard to the current situation in Russia, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine consolidation issues within the telecommunications industry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1715-16 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on International Economic Turmoil, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the circumstances

surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payments of fees to those representatives, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Disarming Iraq: The Status of Weapons Inspections, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo in Crisis, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Roads Management and Obliteration, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 4300, Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act; and H.R. 4550, Drug Demand Reduction Act of 1998, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on S. 1418, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following: H.R. 4377, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the membership of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 17; H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries; and a measure to refine the Medicare home health interim payment system, 11:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up the Welfare, Noncitizen, and Unemployment Insurance Technical Amendments Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Implementation of the Interethnic Adoption Amendments, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.) Senate will resume consideration of S. 2237, Interior Appropriations, 1999.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, September 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Send to conference 5 Appropriations Bills: H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch; H.R. 4101, Agriculture; H.R. 4194, VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies; H.R. 4328, Transportation, and H.R. 4103, Defense;

Consideration of 15 Suspensions:

- (1) H.R. 3898, Speed Trafficking Life in Prison Act;
- (2) H.J. Res. 117, Sense of the House that marijuana should not be legalized for medicinal use;
- (3) S. 2073, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Authorization;

(4) H.R. 4382, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization;

(5) H.R. 3903, Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment;

(6) H.R. 3445, Commission on Ocean Policy;

(7) H.R. 4166, Sale, Lease, or Exchange of Idaho School Land;

(8) H.R. 4079, authorizing the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California;

(9) H.R. 2993, providing for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System;

(10) H.R. 2795, Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998;

(11) H.R. 4284, authorizing the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia;

(12) H.R. 4002, designating the Freeman Hankins Post Office Building;

(13) H.R. 4003, designating the Max Weiner Post Office Building;

(14) H. Res. 362, commending the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba; and

(15) H. Res. 381, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should renegotiate the extradition treaty with Mexico re capital punishment and the timely extradition of suspects.

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